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1. Extensive movements of Soviet troops were observed in the Rostock area. On 11 March 1953, an antitank regiment and other units passed through from the direction of Ribnitz. The column was four and a half hours in passing, and there were more than 200 vehicles of various kinds, including a large number of Studebaker six-wheeled trucks drawing 76.2 mm antitank guns, 12 armored tractors with 105 mm antitank guns in tow and 15 radio cars.

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3. The movement was watched over by MIG-15 jet fighters, which continuously flew over the marching units in low-level flight, one flight unit apparently relieving another.

4. The moving column had with it its furniture and housekeeping equipment, indicating that the movement was in the nature of a relocation. That the troops found themselves strangers in this area is indicated by the fact that they were observed frequently consulting maps for orientation.

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5. Additional movements of troops, mainly light artillery and antitank units, were observed. between 14 and 21 March. One of the tank units had trucks of the "Molotov" type instead of Studebakers. The equipment of this unit looked completely new. Troop movements of a similar nature were reported from Wismar and Schwerin.
6. A march and attack exercise was carried out on 18 March by combined Soviet and Volkspolizei units. Moving columns of Volkspolizei protected by Soviet antitank units were observed defending threatened attack by Soviet units. The VP armored units, equipped with T-34's, were led by Soviet officers.
7. Damgarten: With the beginning of good weather there has been an increase in flying activity at the Damgarten Airfield by Soviet jet fighters. German pilots are being trained on the MIG-15. Actual flight training, however, has not yet taken place. The future occupation of Damgarten, whether by Soviet or East German air units, is now being discussed.

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